

**AMHERST TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
March 8, 2011**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held, in accordance with "Senate Bill 2" (NHRSA 40:13). The first session, to transact all business other than voting, is on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls is on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 21:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

- 1 Selectman for 3 Years
- 1 Town Clerk for 3 Years
- 2 Library Trustees for 3 Years
- 2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 Years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years

**ARTICLE 22: Bridge Replacement Bond**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two million, one hundred thousand, two hundred sixty dollars (\$2,100,260) (gross budget) to reconstruct three bridges red listed by New Hampshire Department of Transportation during annual inspections, more particularly identified as Bridge #109/090 (New Boston Road over Beaver Brook), Bridge #134/100 (Manchester Road over Beaver Brook) and Bridge #060/158 (Horace Greeley Road over Pulpit Brook) and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes therefore of not more than two million, one hundred thousand, two hundred sixty dollars (\$2,100,260) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and other conditions of the bonds or notes in their judgment. This is a special Article in accordance with RSA 32. 3/5 Ballot Vote Required

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article. )*

**ARTICLE 23: Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$10,299,569. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$10,136,943 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article. )*

**ARTICLE 24: Police Union Contract**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union (Police Union) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,988 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent expired collective bargaining agreement paid in the prior fiscal year. Upon approval of this article, additional estimated increase over 2012 costs are to be transferred to the general operating budget of the Police Department. The cost item increases attributable to the new collective bargaining agreement are set forth as follows:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Additional Estimated Increase
<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>	
Wages	\$63,390	Wages	\$28,522
Benefits	\$18,598		
Total	\$81,988	Total	\$28,522

*Note: Pursuant to the form of RSA 273-A:12 in place at the time of the drafting of this warrant, this collective bargaining agreement, if approved, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.*

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this article.)*

**ARTICLE 25: Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to continue with a Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program. This program is designed to monitor and help prevent the presence of mosquito borne vector diseases in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Abroviral Surveillance, Prevention and Control Guidelines.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 26: Lease/Purchase of Rescue/Pumper for Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a replacement Rescue/Pumper for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,223 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain an escape clause. (Majority vote required).

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 27: Funding for Recreation Land Purchase - Transfer from LUCT Fund to Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of acquiring property for recreation purposes and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements and to acquire such properties for said purpose as they deem appropriate, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25-a, (II), to withdraw said funds from the Land

Use Change Tax Fund and to place the same into the Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established by the passage of Article 10 at the March 2007 annual meeting. This is a non-lapsing Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 28: Discontinue Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund**

To see whether the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a, to discontinue the current Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund which contained an ending balance as of June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$ 14,230 with said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the general fund

**ARTICLE 29: Establish Forestview Cemetery Design Expendable Trust**

To see whether the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a new expendable trust account entitled the Forestview Cemetery Design Expendable Trust Fund, in which principal and interest may be expended, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction design of the Forestview Cemetery on Merrimack Road, and to name the Trustees of the Cemetery to be agents to expend for the purposes for which the trust was created, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 14,230 towards this purpose, said funds to come from the general fund and deposit the same in said Forestview Cemetery Design Expendable Trust Fund.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 30: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 31: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 32: Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 33: Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative Subsidy**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) to support the Souhegan Valley Rides bus service which provides subsidized transportation to qualified individuals including persons in the Town of Amherst.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article.)*

**ARTICLE 34: Health and Human Service Agencies**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty six thousand nine hundred and ninety six dollars (\$46,996) to support the health and human service agencies which provide service to Amherst residents, the amount of the grant and identity of the receiving organization to be determined by the Selectmen as they, in their judgment, deem appropriate. In the event this article passes, the selectmen intend to include this appropriation in future years as a line item in the operating budget.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article. )*

**ARTICLE 35: Authorize the Amherst Conservation Commission to expend funds to qualified organizations**

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

**ARTICLE 36: Authorize the Amherst Conservation Commission to expend funds for land purchases outside Amherst**

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

**ARTICLE 37: Library Operating Budget (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$816,434 to defray the costs of the operation of the library.

**ARTICLE 38: Library Operating Budget as a Separate Warrant Article (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to express a 'sense of the meeting' resolution requesting the Board of Selectmen, in future years, to have the library budget presented in the form of a separate warrant article.

Given under our hands and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.

George Infanti, Chairman  
Bruce Bowler, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Grella  
James O'Mara  
Dwight Brew

A true copy of Warrant – ATTEST

George Infanti, Chairman  
Bruce Bowler, Vice Chairman  
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